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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Director

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Assessment of Strategically Situated
Third World Countries

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1. I mentioned my interest in getting a broad assessment of the levels and forms of security and economic assistance to the strategically situated Third World countries. It should review and evaluate:

- a. The economic pressures they face;
- b. The subversion and insurgency possibilities that confront them;
- c. The security assistance they have received in the past, what they can now expect from us, from other developed countries, and from the World Bank;
- d. Their strategic significance to the U.S. and to other developed countries, including the Newly Industrialized Countries, and what might be expected in the way of security and economic assistance from these sources;
- e. The amount of economic and security assistance needed to keep them effective in facing the threats that confront them;
- f. Those countries likely to benefit and respond to the approach to foreign assistance articulated by the President at Cancun;
- g. How military sales and foreign assistance policies of the Soviet Union, the U.S. and their allies compete and impact these countries;
- h. How the U.S. and the USSR compare in getting foreign advisors to these countries and in bringing military officers and trainees and civilian students from them to U.S. and USSR, and how this activity has been trending and how it pays off in influence.

2. See Lee Hamilton article attached.

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